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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF JAUARY 17 SALONGO
AR PHLE ON DILOL ATTACK:

2. "IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO KINSHASA FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 197
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PRESIDZHT MOBUTU SESE SEKO CONVENED AN EXTRDORDINARY MEETING
OF THE POLITICALIBUREAUQWBTHE PRINCIPLE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING
WAS THE ANGOLAN SITUATION.

3. ACCORDING TO THE STATMENT MADE TO THE PRESS BY THE PERMANENT
SECRETARY OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU FOLLOWING THE MEETING, DISCUSSIONS
CONCERNED THE AGGRESSION PERETRATED BY THE RUSSIAN/BUBAN
INTERVENTION FORCES ON THE ZAIRIAN LOCALITY OF DILO,SITUATED
12 KMS FROM THE ANGOLAN TOWN OF TEIXEIRA DA SOUSA. THE PERMANENT
SECRETARY SAID THAT
ON JAN. 19, 1976, THE SAME DAY AS THE OPENING OF THE OAU
EXTRADORDINARY SUMMIT ON THE ANGOLAN CRISES,THE RUSSIAN/CUBAN
COALITION, WHICH IS INTERVENING IN ANGOLA, DESTROYED THE ROAD
AND RAIL BRIDGES. THESE BRIDGES WERE COMMON PROPERTY BECAUSE
THEY LINKED THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND DISTINCLTY CONSISTUTES A
'CASUS BELLI'.

4. THESE INTERVENTION FORCES, CONTINED NGUZA KARL I BOND, HAD THE
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NERVE TO FIRE ROCKETS ON DILOLO. THESE ROCKETSFYIT THE CAMP OF THE

SNCZ, THE HOSPITAL, THE CUSTOMS OFFICES, AND THE PRISON, CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE. THE FRAGMENTS OF THE ROCKETS FOUND ARE INCONTESTABLE PROOF OF THE ORIGIN OF THE ATTACKS. BUT NOT SATISFIED WITH THESE MARKED REPREHENSIBLE ACTS OF AGGRESSION, HE ADDED, THE MERCHANTS OF IDEOLOGY OBVIOUSLY POSSESSING A FERTILE IMAGINATION AND SEEKING TO DROWN THE FISH, ORCHESTRATED A FALLACIOUS PROPAGANDA OF WHICH THEY HOLD THE SECRET. THEY KNEW THAT ZAIRE WOULD REACT TO THESE CRIMINAL ACTS. IT IS THUS THAT THE FOREIGN RADIOS WHOSE MASTERS WE CAN EASILY GUESS, REPORT FALSE NEWS RELATING TO A SUPPOSED ZAIRIAN ATTACK-BOMBER WHICH ATTACKED TEIXEIRA DA SOUZA AND KILLED 6 (0390)3, THESE FALLACIOUS ALLEGATION, SPECIFIED NGUZA, WHICH HIDE BADLY THE AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS, ARE BUT A PART OF A WELL KNOWN STRATEGY WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE RUSSIAN/CUBAN INTERVENTION FORCES IN ANGOLA. THE PRESIDENT, THE SUPREME CHIEF OF THE ZAIRIAN FORCES, REVEALED NGUZA, IS THE ONLY ONE TO BE ABLE TO ORDER ATTACK-PLANES TO DO SUCH AN OPERATION. HOWEVER, HE WAS AT THAT PRECISE TIME, IN ADDIS ABABA, ATTENDING A SUMMIT DEVOTED TO THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM. HOW COULD ONE LOGICALLY THINK THAT HE COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN SUCH A DECISION, ASKED THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU, IN FACE OF THIS SITUATION WHICH I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED. HE SAID, THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER, CONSCIOUS OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND DEFYING ALL RISKS, RUSHED AFTER THE ADDIS ABABA SUMMIT, TO DILOLO, 12 KMS FROM TEIXEIRA DA SOUZA, TO PERSONALLY VIEW THE SITUATION IN THAT LOCALITY.

5. THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER IMMEDIATELY TOOK THE NECESSARY STEPS AND REASSURED THE POPULATION, SAID NGUZABX THE POLITICAL BUREAU WAS KEPT INFORMED OF THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER OF THE PARTY, TO INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UN, IN ORDER THAT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION WOULD NOT BE IGNORANT OF THE DETERMINED AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN/CUBAN INTERVENTION FORCES.

6 IN ADDITION, SAID THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, ZAIRE IS AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, SHOULD IT CONSENT TO SEND OBSERVERS TO VERIFY THE FACTS.

7 SPEAKING OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU'S DECISION ON THIS AFFAIR, NGUZA ANNOUNCED THAT THE ORGAN OF CONCEPTION, DECISION, INSPIRATION, AND ORIENTATION OF THE PARTY, AFTER THOROUGHLY EXAMINING THE SITUATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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WISHED TO ISSUE A WARNING TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA ON THE GRAVITY OF ANY REPETITION OF SUCH ACTS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH WILL BE INCALCULABLE.

8. ZAIRE, WHICH HAS KNOWN SINCE NOVEMBER 24, 1975, A PERIOD OF PEACE CANNOT TOLERATE THAT ITS STABILITY BE DISTURBED. IN ADDITION, SINCE OUR INDEPENDENCE, SAID THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, THE BORDER

POPULATIONS HAVE SUFFERED FROM VARIOUS BOMBARDMENTS FROM THE
PORTUGUESE COLONIAL FORCES.

9. WE CANNOT TOLERATE AT ALL, HE COMMENTED, THAT THESE COLONIAL
FORCES BE REPLACED TODAY BY IMPERIAL, IDEOLOGICALN COLNIAL FORCES."
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